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In Re Application of:

GREGG WAGNER, ET AL.

Art Unit: 3637

Serial No.: 09/113,446

Examiner: Gerald A. Anderson

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For: HOUSING FOR PORTABLE HANDHELD
ELECTRONIC DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 2, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the following remarks.

Claims 6-11 remain in the application. Claims 6-8 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmidt et al in view of Shepard et al and Pitel. There are no stated grounds for rejecting claims 9 and 10 and, accordingly, Applicant understands that these claims recite patentable subject matter and would be allowed if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

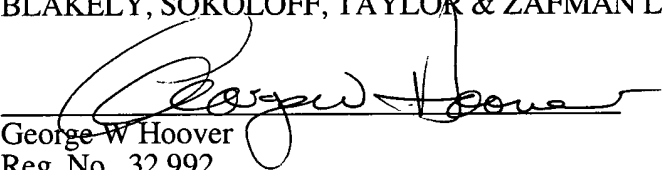
The Examiner's reliance on Shepard is misplaced. The Examiner acknowledges that Schmidt fails to show a one-piece, hollow body portion, but argues that Shepard teaches a body portion 14 that is molded as one piece from plastic material. This is not what Shepard teaches. Shepard states that the housing is preferably injection molded, but nowhere does the patent state that body portion 14 is molded as a single undivided piece. Indeed, if this were the case, there

would be no way to install the various internal components as shown in Figures 3 and 4. The mere fact that Shepard does not explicitly show parting lines in the body portion does not allow one to infer that the body portion is molded as a single piece, especially when this would render the body portion unusable for its intended purpose. Thus, Shepard does not teach a one-piece, hollow body portion as recited in the rejected claims any more than does Schmidt. For the same reasons that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences declined to sustain the previous final rejection of the claims, the rejection of claims 6-8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

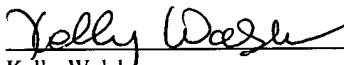
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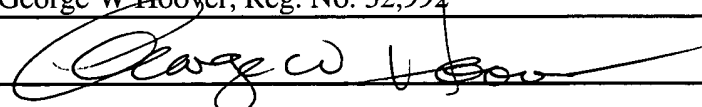
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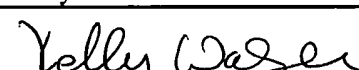
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